

**SUBJECT : Executive Order Establishing the Operations
Coordinating Board**

4. As to the elimination of the staff for the Operations Coordinating Board, the basic point of law involved was raised in the Director's letter of 18 July 1953 to the Bureau of the Budget commenting on the original draft of the Executive Order. If such an interdepartmental Board wishes to hire its own staff, provision therefor must be made either in the appropriation acts or substantive statutes. As now provided, the Executive Officer will be supplied by detail from one of the interested agencies. Presumably, they will turn to CIA for the top-level details, asking for supergrades. This, I believe, may require discussion with the Bureau of the Budget and possibly the Comptroller General, but as we now have the supergrade positions of the Psychological Strategy Board staff on our rolls, I see no great difficulty.

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